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1. RENEGADE (MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT) MMM DEPUTY SURESH MOORBA FORMALLY JOINED THE LABOR PARTY AND SAT WITH HIS NEW PARTY'S BACKBENCHERS DURING THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

2. THE MMM CONTINUED TO BE ROCKED BY INTERNAL DIVISIONS AND RUMORS OF MORE DEFECTIONS. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S POLITIBURO, INCLUDING TWO DEPUTIES, RESIGNED IN PROTEST OVER PARTY LEADER BERENGER'S DICTATORIAL ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES. A PARTY MEETING MAY 29 MAY PRODUCE SOME POWER SHIFTS AMONG THE MMM'S TOP LEADERSHIP.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL, AFTER BEING DEBATED FOR A MONTH IN THE ASSEMBLY, WAS APPROVED MAY 25. THE OPPOSITION MMM'S ATTACKS ON THE BUDGET WERE VIGOROUS AND COMPREHENSIVE. DURING THE LAST DAY OF DEBATE BERENGER WAS "VICIOUS AND VULGAR" ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM. RAM IN TURN SEVERELY CONDEMNED BERENGER DURING AN ASSEMBLY SESSION FOR A STATEMENT HE MADE IN HIS PARTY'S NEWSPAPER TO THE EFFECT THAT

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THE MMM WOULD SOON TAKE POWER "WITH OR WITHOUT ELECTIONS."

4. MORE PRESS REPORTS SURFACED INDICATING THE GOVERNMENT'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SOVIET PRESENCE AND PROGRAMS IN MAURITIUS. THE SIZE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND ITS ATTEMPT TO PEDDLE A FILM ABOUT THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION WERE TARGETS THIS WEEK.
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